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SUBJECT: FRG CREDIT POLICY TOWARDS USSR

1- IN COURSE OF A CONVERSATION WITH FINANCE
MINISTER APEL ON SEPTEMBER 5, I REFERRED TO RECENT
RUMORS THAT THERE MIGHT SOON BE A CHANGE IN FRG
CREDIT POLICY TOWARD THE SOVIET UNION, AND ASKED
WHETHER THERE WAS ANY SUBSTANCE TO SUCH RUMORS.
APEL SAID HE HAD ALSO HEARD THESE RUMORS, BUT
DENIED THAT ANY CHANGE WAS IMPENDING IN FRG CREDIT
POLICY. IT WOULD IN ANY CASE BE PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT
TO INCREASE CREDITS AT THIS TIME DUE TO SEVERE BUDGET
CONSTRAINTS, APEL ADDED.

2. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH STATE SECRETARY
ROHWEDDER OF ECONOMICS MINISTRY, ECONMIN ALSO ASKED
ABOUT LIKELIHOOD OF CHANGE IN FRG CREDITS POLICY.
WHILE CONFIRMING THAT NO CHANGE WAS PRESENTLY
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CONTEMPLATED, ROHWEDDER EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT LIBERAL

EXTENSION OF EXIMBANK CREDITS TO USSR MIGHT EVENTUALLY
FORCE FRG TO PROVIDE COMPARABLE SUPPORT TO GERMAN
EXPORTERS.
HILLENBRAND

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